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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Personal Scheduling

1. There are several matters relating to my personal schedule arising or likely to arise over the next two months on which I would like to touch base for your comments, reaction or approval.

2. First, my parents are arriving on Wednesday evening (27 September) for a brief visit. Subject to your approval, I would like to take off as much of Thursday and Friday (28 and 29 September) as WSAG meetings, Haig's project and other requirements permit.

3. Second, for reasons that seemed cogent at the time, the only leave I took last summer was one four workday period in June. I would like to take one week in mid-October, decamping somewhere with my wife if the logistics of child care can be solved. Timing, at this stage, is very flexible.

4. Third, the Army War College has asked me to give a seminar on Mainland Southeast Asia at Carlisle on Thursday, 26 October. If you concur, this would involve my being absent from Washington on that day.

5. Finally, there is the matter of my parish visitation, originally scheduled for last spring but slipped at your request then scrubbed after the offensive was launched on 30 March. I would like to put it back on the active list with an eye to a possible mid-November departure, with stops in South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. By then it will be post-offensive and post-U.S. election, which will make it a good time for a first-hand temperature reading.

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